

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. An interface card for a device with
image output capabilities, comprising:
a connector for connecting to the device;
a controller for sending data for output of
an image of a quick-start guide from the interface
card to the device through the connector, wherein
the data is sent once without error after the card
10 is installed in the device.

15 2. The interface card according to
Claim 1, further including a non-volatile memory,
wherein the controller stores an indication
in the non-volatile memory that the data has been
sent without error in a case that the data has been
sent without error,
wherein the interface card uses the
indication to determine if the data has been sent
20 once without error, and
wherein the interface card is reset with
respect to whether the data has been sent by
resetting the indication.

25 3. An interface card for a device with
image output capabilities, comprising:
a connector for connecting to the device;
a controller for sending data for output of
an image of a quick-start guide from the interface
card to the device through the connector, wherein
the data is sent once without error, and once
without error following each reset of the interface
card with respect to whether the data has been sent.
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35 4. ~~The interface card according to~~
~~Claim 3, further including a non-volatile memory,~~

wherein the controller stores an indication in the non-volatile memory that the data has been sent without error in a case that the data has been sent without error,

5 wherein the interface card uses the indication to determine if the quick-start guide has been sent once without error, and

10 wherein the interface card is reset with respect to whether the data has been sent by resetting the indication.

15 5. An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the interface card comprises a network interface card, and wherein the device generates printed output and is connectable to a network through the interface card.

20 6. An interface card according to Claim 5, wherein the data is sent in the form of a print job.

25 7. An interface card according to Claim 5, wherein the quick-start guide includes networking information for connecting the device to the network through the network interface card.

30 ~~8. An interface card according to Claim 4,~~ wherein the interface card comprises a CD-ROM interface card, and the device comprises a computer system.

35 9. An interface card according to Claim 8, wherein the computer system has a display connected thereto, and wherein the image of the quick-start guide is output through the display.

10. An interface card according to Claim 8, wherein the computer system has a printer

connected thereto, and wherein the image of the quick-start guide is output through the printer onto a recording medium.

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11. An interface card according to Claim 8, wherein the controller sends the data from the CD-ROM interface card to the computer system by performing the following steps of:

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sending a signal to the computer system that ordinarily would be sent when a CD-ROM has been inserted into a CD-ROM drive connected to the CD-ROM interface card;

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intercepting a request from the computer system for a filename for an executable program;

sending the filename for the executable program to the computer system in response to the request for the filename, the executable program residing in the CD-ROM interface card;

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intercepting a request from the computer system for the executable program; and

sending the executable program to the computer system in response to the request for the executable program,

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wherein when the computer system executes the executable program, the executable program causes the computer system to output an image of the quick-start guide.

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12. An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the interface card comprises a DVD interface card, and the device comprises a computer system.

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13. An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the interface card comprises a display interface card, and the device comprises a

14. An interface card according to Claim 13, wherein the data comprises RGB pixel information and synch information.

16. An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the controller detects information about the device and modifies the data in accordance with the detected information.

18. An interface card according to Claim 17, wherein the NVRAM stores firmware for the interface card, and wherein in a case the firmware is updated by reloading the NVRAM, the indication that the data has been sent without error is reset.

20. An interface card according to Claim 19, wherein the EEPROM stores firmware for the interface card, and wherein in a case the firmware is updated by flashing the EEPROM, the indication that the data has been sent without error is reset.

21. ~~An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the device has a housing and wherein the interface card is disposed within the housing.~~

22. ~~An interface card according to Claim 4, wherein the device has a housing and where the interface card has a housing different than the housing for the device.~~

23. An interface card for a device with image output capabilities, comprising:
a connector for connecting to the device;
a memory for storing data for output of an image of a quick-start guide;
a non-volatile memory for storing an indication of whether or not the data has been sent without error to the connector;
a controller responsive to application of power for (1) sending the data to the connector in a case that the indication stored in the non-volatile memory indicates that the data has not been sent without error; and (2) storing the indication that the data has been sent without error in a case that the data has been sent without error to the connector.

24. A network interface card for connecting an image output device to a network, comprising:
a connector for connecting to an image output device;
a memory for storing data for output of an image of a quick-start guide;
a non-volatile memory for storing an indication of whether or not the data has been sent without error to the connector;

